

The Reflector.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1888.

Official Paper of County and City.

The REFLECTOR's job office is one of the most complete in the State and for fine work in this line it cannot be surpassed.

Thomas Kirby has erected another handsome residence on his block on East Third street. Abilene's prosperity knows no such thing as halt.

Perry Friz, clerk in the Abilene National Bank, has been quite ill with intermittent fever for some time, but is thought to be somewhat better.

Although the November rainfall was far above the average, the streams remain low and the ground is very dry. We need rain or snow and lots of it.

The Brady block was sold this afternoon for \$31,000 to E. W. Wellington, of Ellsworth, and M. Hathaway, of New York. Col. Brady is in luck, sure enough.

An exchange says that if fifteen cents' worth of salt is made into a strong brine and poured over a ton of soft coal, it will prevent accumulation of soot in chimneys and stove pipes. The experiment don't cost much and is probably worth trying.

The Clay Center Times has started the publication of the names of those who quit taking the paper and do not pay up their just dues. We fear, however, that even this heroic treatment will not influence the dead-beats who try to cheat the printer.

The Knights of Pythias have appointed committees, etc. for the grand ball to be given in the opera house New Years night. A large number of invitations will be issued to the society people of this and neighboring cities and every effort will be exerted to make it the society event of the season. Among the features of the evening talked of are a public installation of officers and a Uniformed Rank drill.

Chapman has had his fun out of election bets. Dr. Gunn and John Cunningham made a bet, the terms of which were that the other fellow should "duck" the loser in the railroad tank and hold him under water five seconds. Dr. Gunn was defeated but not relishing an out-of-door bath at this time of year, compromised by setting up the cigars all around. A much more sensible proceeding.

Among our Abilene friends in the city within the past few days, were the following:
Squire A. S. Davidson, ex-clerk District court.
Geo. Brillhart, member of the city council.

J. B. Edwards, of the firm of Hodge & Edwards.

Rev. W. A. Welsch, D. D., pastor Baptist church.

B. L. Strother, senior member of the firm of Strother Bros., publishers of the Dickinson County News, Abilene.

A. G. Buchanan, P. M.; invested in the Rocky Mountain State—and may move here, if Harrison will consent to let him out of the post-office.

The visitors were all highly pleased with our great city, and we will not be surprised if some of them settle here in the near future.

The brethren can always count upon a hearty welcome at these headquarters when they visit the Queen City. —[Denver Press.]

Cupid's Coils.

Judge Seeds was again called upon to unite in the holy bonds of matrimony another happy couple: John Driscoll and Georgia Disney, both of Carlton. It is needless to say that he did it in the latest and most improved style.

Seed Burning.

On Saturday, the 15th instant, Hodge Bros. propose to have their annual seed burning. All the old Landreth seeds that have not been sold will be publicly consumed by fire, thus disposing of any possibility that their customers will receive anything but fresh seeds during the coming season. Everybody is invited to witness this destruction of seeds.

Salt Indications.

We understand that the Solomon Solar Salt Works Company will at an early day arrange for putting down a cribbed shaft to the depth of a thousand feet, or until rock salt is reached. There is no doubt but unlimited quantities of salt are to be found embedded in the earth in this vicinity. Salt water can now be obtained at from 80 to 100 feet depth, which has a density of 30° to 40° of salt. It is to the interest of our citizens that this industry should be developed at once, and should be encouraged substantially if necessary, for it is no visionary scheme. —[Solomon Sentinel.]

Prospecting for Coal.

Messrs. J. C. Zee and M. T. Goss, two of Manchester's prominent citizens, have still an abiding faith that extensive coal deposits underlie North Dickinson and have resumed operations in search of it. They have made arrangements for sinking a shaft for this purpose about three miles northwest of Manchester and believe that they have good prospects for success in discovering the dusky diamonds.

It is beyond doubt that coal does exist underneath this section of Kansas. The only question that seems problematical is whether the quantity is sufficient and the depth slight enough to make mining profitable. We hope Messrs. Zee and Goss may find a bonanza.

A QUEER QUINTETTE.

Five Southside Jointists Brought to Account by Marshal Powell—Abilene's Whisky Sellers Being Cleaned Out Rapidly.

Another pull of jointists was made Friday night which relieves Abilene of five more dealers in the liquid which not only cheers but inebriates.

Marshal Powell having got things "dead to rights," as the half-dime novel writers put it, made one of his round-ups last evening and gathered under his protecting care five Southside whisky-sellers who have been playing their nefarious trade for some time.

The parties were the notorious Mrs. Hickman, Mrs. Dier, William Berry, Matthew Thomas and Stone King. Thomas had his trial today and was assessed one day in jail and costs. Mrs. Hickman's trial is set for Tuesday. The remainder of the party are amenable under State statutes rather than city ordinances and will be tried at the February term of the district court. Until the meeting of the court they will play checkers in the Hotel-de-Naill. The evidence against all the parties is good and convictions will undoubtedly result.

We hope Abilene's efficient officers will not grow weary in well-doing. Let every whisky hole in the city be exposed, at no matter what cost, and make Abilene the cleanest and purest, as it is the best, city in the Sunflower State.

Blazing Curtains.

What came near being a serious accident occurred at the home of W. S. Stambaugh in West Abilene Thursday eve. A lamp in the drawing room set on fire the curtains or portieres, and the blaze would no doubt have destroyed the house had it not been for the presence of mind exhibited by Miss Ida Upshaw, the only person who was near. She threw a heavy quilt upon the flames and extinguished them, though in doing so her hand and arm were badly burned. The curtains were ruined, the piano was severely scorched and several articles of vertu broken. Though the damage was considerable, it is a matter of congratulation that it was no worse.

North Dickinson Institute.

The North Dickinson Institute will hold its December meeting at the Pleasant Valley school house on December 22d, 1888.

PROGRAM.
Music.
Address of Welcome..... J. W. Robson
Response..... John Mustard
Music.
Composition Work in the Common school..... Lewis Arnold
Discussion..... Ira Van Seoyce
Discussion..... Myrtle Wick
Declaration..... Mary Erwin
MUSIC.
Pedagogy, Chap. 7..... C. H. Lowrie
Literature (Living)..... J. F. Landis
Selection..... O. G. Smith
Music.
How to Teach U. S. History..... H. M. Light
Discussion..... G. T. Reiser
Method of Teaching Decimal Fractions..... D. G. Rudy
Discussion..... Lillie Murphy
Music.
Committee on Music..... Isaac Kaufman
..... Miss Slaybaugh
..... Charles Xalter

A Hard Case.

J. B. Allen, of Council Grove, who was in jail at Abilene for several months on a charge of poisoning his wife and child but was lately discharged from custody by order of Judge Nicholson, returned to his home in a state of intoxication and abused his wife because she refused to live with him again. That evening a posse of masked men took him to the woods and hung him up to a tree a few times in a vain attempt to make him confess his crime. He was finally released, a ticket was purchased for himself and mother as far west as Pueblo, and when he left he was informed that it would not be safe for him to ever be seen again in these parts. There is little doubt as to his guilt, but sufficient positive evidence could not be found to warrant the State in proceeding with his trial. —[Hope Dispatch.]

A Cat Farm in Prospect.

There is a strong probability that Dickinson county will soon have a unique attraction in the shape of a cat farm.

One of Abilene's prominent bankers recently took under a mortgage a farm in North Dickinson and all the personal property thereunto belonging. In looking over the latter material he found that it consisted in part of a herd of twenty-one cats—big cats, little cats, brown cats, Maltese cats, Thomas cats, kittens and mongrel cats. He is in somewhat of a quandary concerning what he shall do with the feline colony. He has scarcely the heart to kill them and he thinks there is money in improving the stock and raising thoroughbred cats for the market.

He made a visit to the place yesterday and as he walked about the farm with the little army of cats at his heels, the sight is said to have been very affecting. He would have spent the night on the farm but that the animals were preparing to give him a serenade. It is possible that they may organize a party some night and serenade him in town. If they do the inhabitants of the city will think the judgment day is at hand and Gabriel is practicing on his trumpet.

Should the gentleman conclude to devote his new purchase strictly to cat raising, the REFLECTOR will send its special artist out to the place and give its readers some vivid and life-like views of life on a Dickinson county cat ranch.

A Word to Coal Users.

It will cost you nothing to get my prices. You will find that for cash in hand I can equal any yard in town. See me at the Rock Island elevator; it will pay you. [41,8-14] E. T. ELLISON.

THE GAS WELL.

Operations to Be Commenced in University Heights—The Machinery Already on the Ground.

The Abilene Natural Gas company in which the city owns a majority of the stock, is still determined to thoroughly investigate the interior of the earth. The derrick and drilling machinery under the charge of Messrs. Ryno & Davidson have been removed to University Heights, at the west end Grand avenue and have been put in shape for drilling for gas, oil, salt or whatever may be found. The drill will start on its downward journey tomorrow and we expect to have some interesting news of its discoveries to reflect in a few days.

So long as the city has begun in this matter it is a matter of congratulation that it is determined to push it through to the end, that we may be satisfied what there is beneath us. There is no reason why Abilene cannot share in the prosperity which is sending Hutchinson, Paola and other Kansas cities to the front.

The company still owns the 800-foot hole in the Chicago addition south of the city. It has not yet determined what it will do with it but the manager of the enterprise informed us this morning that it would probably be cut up into three-foot lengths and sold to the farmers for post-holes.

A Notable Scheme.

Two of Dickinson county's citizens, C. B. Hoffman, Enterprise, and Newell Thurston, Hope, are prominently engaged in an enterprise which is receiving considerable attention among a certain class of people throughout the Nation.

It is the Sinaloa colonization scheme by which it is proposed to plant a model State upon the eastern shore of the Gulf of California. The plan includes a Utopian government, more or less tinged with modern land-reform doctrines. The State is to own everything, control everything, dictate everything. Marriages are to be the result of judicial dictates, not of love or affection. Children are to be raised at the public expense and in public kindergartens and schools. The council of State will pass upon the would-be immigrant and make him submit to an examination before entering the colony. This council decides how much of each crop shall be sown, what work shall be done by each colonist. Strict sobriety and temperance are enjoined.

The location of the new State, 800 miles south of San Francisco, is said to be a healthy and fertile one and were it not so far out of civilization, many discouraged people would no doubt flock to the society in a vain hope of getting a living without working for it. Hon. C. B. Hoffman will, it is said, take control of the company and if the arrangements prove satisfactory move to Mexico. Large grants have been promised by the Mexican government and an effort at inducing emigration will be made this winter.

A party will start from Hope, on or about Dec. 15. This group is being organized by C. J. Lamb, of Kirwin; N. Thurston, of Hope; Geo. L. Page, of Salina, and others.

There is probably some money in the scheme for the managers, but we should be sorry to see any Kansan leave our glorious State in search of an *ignis fatuus* down amid the wilds of Mexico.

OUR NEIGHBORS.

Special correspondence of the REFLECTOR.

HOPE, Dec. 9th.

Miss Lida Potter was visiting in the city today.

A. L. Book, of Woodbine, was viewing the Gem today.

The German Lutheran church of this city was dedicated today with appropriate services in English and German.

The G. B. Society gave a very stylish leap year party last Friday evening at the residence of Miss Viva Robinson. About ten couples were present. It is the unanimous vote of the boys that they never were so charmingly entertained before.

Mrs. Jake Kirkpatrick visited in Lost Springs yesterday.

W. T. Sterling and wife, of Banner City were visiting in the city today. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Tonkin.

Miss Haskell, of Clay Center, is the guest of Miss Lizzie Irons.

Quite a number of our young people took in "Monte Cristo" at Herington, Thursday evening.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid society gave a ten cent supper at the residence of Mrs. Grovier Thursday evening. The ladies cleared \$15.55.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poole were Herington visitors today.

WOODBINE, Dec. 6th.

Mr. J. Reed, of Herington, spent a short time in our city Monday.

Mr. S. White, who has been confined to his bed with a broken leg, is slowly improving.

Died—At the home on Cary creek, the youngest child of Olander Price. The afflicted family have our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of affliction.

Liberty township will have a new postoffice. It will be located five miles northwest of Woodbine on the Rock Island R. R. The postal authorities have already erected a crane.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillett left last week over the Rock Island for a pleasure trip through Colorado. They will probably be gone a month.

Mr. Smith, formerly of Peck, Kas., our new station agent, is well liked by our business men. He has moved to the upper part of town on West Sixth street.

The community regrets the departure of Frank Johnson, who so ably filled the position of station agent in this city. Our best wishes for his welfare follow him to his new quarters at Caldwell.

SPECIAL LOW PRICES!

McFADDEN -:- BROTHERS -:-

Have received this morning another case of those very desirable Tricot Cloths which gave such satisfaction before. The many calls for these goods after we were sold out of them compelled us, in obedience to the public wish, to re-order them. Our prices on these goods is beyond and below the reach of competition. These goods will be sold as long as they last at

== 33 CENTS. ==

DRESS LENGTHS OF 9 YARDS, \$2.75.

OTHER REDUCTIONS.

40-inch fine Camel's Hair Dress Goods,
REDUCED FROM 95c TO 35c.

Dress of 9 yds., \$2.95.

40-inch Camelette Serge
REDUCED FROM 85c TO 50c.

Dress of 9 yds., \$3.95.

40-inch Repp Cloth
REDUCED FROM 85c TO 50c.

Dress of 9 yds., \$3.95.

38-inch Striped all-wool Suitings
REDUCED FROM 50c TO 35c.

Dress of 9 yds., \$2.95.

36-inch Cashmere, in all new colors,
REDUCED FROM 35c TO 25c.

Dress of 10 yds., \$2.50.

A Full Line of Silk Handkerchiefs, all colors, at 19c, 25c, 35c, 39c, 48c, 50c, 65c, 75c, 98c, \$1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 1.95, 2.25, 2.50, 2.75.

THE BEST LINE OF GENTLEMEN'S MUFFLERS IN KANSAS, INCLUDING CASHMERE, SILK AND CASHMERE, AND PURE SILK.

Cashmere Mufflers, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 98c.

Silk and Cashmere, 85c, 98c, \$1.25.

Pure Silk, 98c, \$1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.25, 2.50, 2.75, 3.25, 3.50, 3.95, 4.25, 4.50.

McFADDEN : BROS.,

210 Cedar Street, Opposite Post Office, - - - - Center of Block, West Side.

The Union Sunday school is making arrangements to have a Christmas tree.

Woodbine is fast becoming an important shipping point for live stock. A large number of cattle and hogs are shipped from here each week.

The German church at Lyons will give a Christmas entertainment which promises to be an enjoyable affair.

The Union Grain Co. has completed a large elevator and is ready for business. The elevator will greatly facilitate the handling of grain and will end to bring a large trade to our town.

R. V. Estep, assisted by Rev. Betts, of Hope, closed a series of meetings Sunday evening.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

The following resolutions were adopted by the members of the L.L.L. at a special meeting:

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our beloved friend, Mrs. Frank Beate, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Ladies Literary League of Abilene has lost one of its brightest and most intelligent workers and one ever active in advancing the interests of mental culture.

Resolved, That we hereby express our sincere sorrow at this loss and tender to her bereaved husband and other relatives our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, published in the city papers and placed upon the records of the society.

Mrs. W. S. Hodge, President.
Mrs. C. W. Worthington
Mrs. A. W. Hargreaves - Com.
Mrs. J. C. Lyeth

Dissolution Notice.

Abilene, Kas., Dec. 6, 1888.

The partnership heretofore existing between W. H. H. Bonebrake and A. W. Rice, under the firm name of Bonebrake & Rice, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts, notes and accounts due the firm go to A. W. Rice. He also pays all debts of the firm.

W. H. H. BONEBRAKE.
A. W. RICE.

Attention, Farmers and Gardeners: This is the season of the year when farmers begin to receive seed catalogues from Eastern seed houses and we take this method of explaining that it is entirely unnecessary to send your orders away. We will furnish you with fresh Landreth's seeds at lower prices than you will have to pay by sending your orders direct to any Eastern seed house. We solicit your orders. Send for our catalogue. Yours Resp'y,
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HODGE BROS.

For Sale or Trade.

The Cottage house in Solomon City. Its location is unsurpassed, is welland favorably known to the traveling public with a good trade built up. Would trade for a farm or property in a good live town.

J. M. PRESHAW,
Solomon City, Kansas.

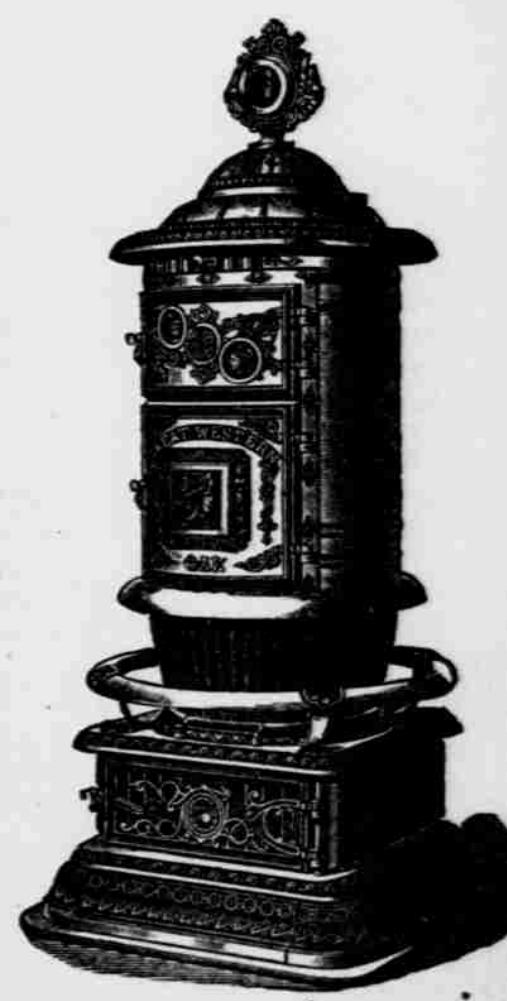
\$100,000 TO LOAN.

We have \$100,000 to loan on farm and city property at the lowest rates. Loans closed promptly. No delay.
ABILENE INVESTMENT CO.,
Rear room First Nat. Bank



To make more room for a new line and to reduce present stock before invoicing, we are now selling this Stove at so greatly a reduced price that you can put the profits on same in your eye.

DUNLAP & CO.



We want to "put you on" to a bargain in HEATING STOVES. We are actually selling some Heating Stoves at cost to make room for a new line.



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ON EARTH.

We will sell them in lots of from one to one hundred.



We warrant Every One of Them. We put them out on Trial.



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